The Member also submitted a memorial signed by a large number of members of his community in regard to their disabilities.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

126. Establishment of a Special School for Malayala Brahmins with free Boarding house at Kumaranallur.

Mr. Narayanan Tuppan Numburi (Member, Jenmi, Kottayam Division) said that, as a result of repeated efforts made by the Jenmis, the Special School at Kumaranallur was started and that, since the institution collapsed more than once for want of a Boarding House, a Hostel was established. The Hostel was now being maintained by one or two influential members of the community. Such an arrangement did not ensure the permanency of the institution which had at present more than 90 boys and which was attracting more students. The Member, therefore, requested that the amount spent for the following purposes be diverted towards the maintenance of the Boarding Institution at Kumaranallur.

(1) The amount at present given for the Vedic classes at Kaviyur.

(2) The Charitable Endowments in the enjoyment of the trustees referred to by the Member at the 13th session of the Assembly.

(3) The properties set apart for charity among the Numburi Brahmins.

The Member explained that, in regard to the second item, an enquiry was conducted by the Tahsildar of Ettumanur who insisted on the production of documentary evidence to prove that the endowments complained of as being misused and misappropriated were intended to advance education among Numburis. It was not possible to produce documentary evidence at this distance of time. The Member suggested that an independent enquiry might be made conjointly by an officer and another person well acquainted with the history and other particulars connected with the endowments. In case it was not possible to have the Hostel maintained out of the endowments, it should be managed by Government. In conclusion, the Member prayed that his request be complied with. He also asked for another Lower Grade English school with facilities for the teaching of the Vedas as in Kunnathur from the commencement of the next school year.

In reply to Dewan's queries, the Member said that Rs. 500 was being given for the Vedic class in Kaviyur, that no boys were studying in it and no teacher appointed to teach, that 2 or 3 students used to be presented as receiving instruction whenever the Inspector went there and that the whole amount was being utilized by some of the guardians of the students. The Member also requested that a more effective supervision be exercised wherever money grants were given for Vedic classes or other charitable purposes of the Numburis.

Dewan's reply.— An enquiry will be made through the Peishkar in regard to the Kaviyur funds. The other request of the Member will be considered.

127. Educational grievances of the Kaniyar community.

Mr. N. Padmanabhan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) said that his prayers were the following:—

(1) that the pupils of the Kaniyar community above the fifth class in Vernacular schools and all the pupils in the English schools should be exempted from payment of fees altogether or they should be allowed at least half-fee concessions.

(2) that Kaniyar pupils above the fifth class in Vernacular schools should be awarded scholarships and enabled to study English.

(3) that Kaniyars well-versed in Malayalam and Sanskrit should be appointed Munshis in Vernacular and English schools.

(4) that a Sanskrit College should be established in Central Travancoré, preferably at Mavelikara, in which all classes of pupils including the Kaniyars should be admitted.

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